and in what manner they compare with the offers of the other firms; and

(b) whether th$_e$ deal was clinched after the Danish Prime Minister's visit to India in January, 1987; if so, the points discussed with him about the deal?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) A contract for supply, erection and Commissioning of Optic Fibre Cable communication system has been awarded in May, 1988 to a Consortium of Telecommunications Consultants India Ltd., M|s. Hindustan Cables Ltd. and M|s. NKT of Denmark. The contract was on the basis of lowest and technically in accordance with specification including normal warranty period against Global tenderes opened on 30-12-1987. The contract wa$_s$ awarded on merits alone and there is no connection with the visit of Danish Prime Minister to India.

Reported Chaos in .Promotion of Teachers in KVS

1953. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in Navbharat Times dated the 11th June, 1988 under the caption "Adhyapakon Ke Padonnati Mein Arajakta" regarding chaos generated by Kendriya Vidyalaya San-gathan's promotional policy;

(b) if so. what are the details thereof and execution referred to in it; and

(c) what steps, if any, have been taken or proposed to be taken by Government to check/remove the alleged chaos?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The news item mentioned about the current promotion/transfer policy in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sanga-than, according to which a TGT on promotion as PGT and a PGT on re-cruitment or promotion as a Vice-Principal is posted out of the region in the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sanga-than as well as out of the language area. It has also been stated in the news-item that this policy has resulted in a large number of teachers declining promotion.

(c) The Board of Governors of the KVS, in its meeting held on 31-5-88 have agreed that teachers promoted as PGTs and Vice-Principals will be posted either outside the re-gion or language area. Since this decision was late for effecting transfer in the summer vacations for 1988, this modification will become effective from 1-5-1989 when the general transfer would be next ordered.

Free distribution of the formulation under National Health Programme

1954. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question 143 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th July, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ferrous Sulphate, Folic Acid and Vitamin A in finished formulations are commonly used under Maternal and Child Health Programme;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these formulations are freely dis tributed under National Health Pro gramme;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government did not recommend for price control despite these factors;

(d) whether it is a fact that Go vernment recommended these drugs for inclusion under category-I and later on, amended the list under the pressure of drug companies;